

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 2, 2001**

Members Present: Dr. Garth Gemar (Chairman), Dr. Toni Brophy, Dr. Kay Lewis, Jan Hauk, Roy Ryals, Scott Butler, Charlie Smith, Sgt. Richard Thacher, Marilyn Price, Patty Seneski, Terry Shine, Dr. Michel Sucher, Therese Williamson (Dunn), Mark Stroh, Dr. Jim McLaughlin, Mark Venuti, Dr. Michael Ward, J. Marty Dernier, Nancy Shaver, Charlie Smith, Dr. Peter Vann, Dr. Robert Vavrick, Dave Samuels, Bob Ramsey, Ed Neville, Dr. Richard Carmona, and Gitti Silven.

Members Absent: David Cheney, Wes Powell, Pat Andrews, and Richard Kunz.

Guests Present: Catherine Eden, Rose Conner, Kevin Ray, Holly Gibeaut, Michael Fronske, Liana Martin, Joyce Webber, Brian Smith, Jeff Tschetti, Janine Anderson, Jerry Stein, Paul Coe, Stephen Powles, Taylor Payson, Barbara Glickman-Williams, Peggy Baker, and Kevin Kelley.

BEMS Staff Present: Judi Crume, Victor Dominguez, Dona Marie Markley, Karen Nelson, Ralph Graves, Robin Clark, Don Decker, Howard Schwartz, Donna Meyer, Betty Yunick, and Susan Nicolas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Dr. Gemar. A quorum was present.

A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Mark Venuti to approve the amended agenda.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis to approve the minutes of June 22, 2001 with two corrections:

Page 6 – 3rd line from the bottom – Rules Committee - delete Dr. Gemar's name.

Page 6 – 3rd line from the bottom – Rules Committee - add members of the Air Ambulance industry are invited to attend.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Catherine Eden, Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Council:

- Funds from the 1201A legislation have been awarded and should be ready for distribution this week.
- Funding for the call boxes went through yesterday.
- Rules Committee will meet on November 16, 2001 to prioritize rules that need to be done by the Bureau. The priorities will be reviewed and then go to EMS Council. In the future the Rules Committee will be asked to meet to review rules when their expertise is needed.
- Committee members need to take note of their termination dates on the committee. We would appreciate names of individuals they would recommend to

take their place and forward the names to the Bureau for consideration.

- In the future there will be a dedicated agenda item “Report From the Office of the Director”.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Dr. Gemar handed out certificates for reappointment to:

Therese Williamson (Dunn)
Gitti Silven
Dr. James McLaughlin
Dr. Michael Ward
Marilyn J. Price

Updated membership rosters will be provided to members.

Dr. Gemar announced that on September 13, 2001 there was a Ethics Training held at the Bureau and the following members attended:

Charlie M. Smith
Patricia L. Andrews
Dr. James H. McLaughlin
Richard Kunz

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Bureau Chief:** Judi Crume, RN, PhD
Dr. Gemar gave some background on Judi Crume and introduced the new Bureau Chief to the committee.
- B. Bioterrorism (Update) -** Dr. Gemar reported that he had attended a presentation by David Engelhaler on the department’s “Emergency Response System” on October 29, 2001. The CDC website is constantly being updated with new information. ADHS is working with hospitals throughout the state, outlying communities, and county health offices in collecting data for the Syndromic Surveillance Study. The data will be collected up to 14 days after the last day of the World Series. The forms that are being used are called the “Fireball Fuchsia” forms. Eleven hospitals in the valley are participating in collecting data and this is being entered into a CDC database. An Enhanced Surveillance Project Form was distributed. Rose Conner thanked all of all agencies for their efforts and cooperation. 85% to 100% of all the patients going into Emergency Departments are being entered into the database. The state lab has converted from an 8 hours a day 5 days a week to a 24 hours 7 days a week facility. The CDC has put out a video on “What every clinician needs to know about Anthrax”. The department is distributing about 100 of these videos.

- C. **Agenda Change Format** - Discussion ensued on the agenda format and the possibility of having a Call to the Public after every agenda item.

Follow Up: New Agenda Format
EMS Council – January 24, 2002
Delegated to: Dr. Garth Gemar

VI. **RULES STATUS REPORT**

A packet was distributed for informational purposes. It includes recently completed rulemaking that revises current rules and adds new rules for immunizations, alternative destination, and pilot projects.

Dr. Brophy made a motion, seconded by Charlie Smith to put Hazmat on the next agenda for Rules Committee.

Follow Up: Rules Agenda – November 16, 2001
Delegated to: Dr. Gemar

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Hazmat Protocol and Curriculum Issues**

A motion was made by Dr. Brophy, seconded by Dr. Vavrick that the EMS Council accept Version 2 which includes four mandatory drugs (Atropine, Cyanide Antidote Kit, Methylene Blue, Pralidoxime (2-PAM). Motion carried.

Recommended putting Hazmat Protocol on the next agenda for Education Committee.

Follow Up: Education Agenda – November 16, 2001
Delegated to: Dr. Kay Lewis

B. **Combitube Protocol and Curriculum Issues**

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Charlie Smith to accept the Combitube Protocol. Motion carried.

C. **Special Skills & Medical Direction for EMT Basics**

Discussion ensued regarding administrative medical direction. The question is for what skills do we want administrative medical direction for EMT-Basics? Intubation, IV initiation, epinephrine, and AED were skills most mentioned. The concern was for EMTs in rural areas who do not have administrative control. Is it going to make EMTs revert back to 1st responders?

Follow Up: Rules Agenda – November 16, 2001
Delegated to: Mark Venuti

D. **Sternal IO Infusion Curriculum**

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Sucher to accept the Sternal IO Infusion Curriculum with changes. Motion carried.

Point of Order – Recommended that the public should be able to have their input. Robert’s Rules of Order and Arizona Open Meeting laws require that a Call to the Public is called. Recommended keeping on Call to the Public presentations under 3 minutes. Otherwise view points will have to be conveyed through committee members.

Follow Up: Structure of Call to the Public – Put on next agenda
Delegated to: Dr. Garth Gemar

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resurrection of EMS Council Executive Committee** – The expiration dates need to be brought up to date. One additional EMS Council member must be named.

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Gitti Silven to begin to utilize the EMS Council Executive Committee at the request of the Department to act in evaluation and planning.

Discussion ensued to determine an appropriate representative for the open EMS Council member position.

Recommended having a representative from the Southern or Western Region.

The mission of the committee will be to evaluate and plan. Recommended changing the EMS Council Bylaws to reflect the change of the Rules Committee from a standing committee to an ad hoc Committee.

Follow Up: Next Agenda – EMS Council – January 24, 2002
Bylaws of EMS Council, Rules Committee and the membership category of EMS Council Executive Committee.
Delegated to: Dr. Garth Gemar

The EMS Council Executive Committee would be an Ad hoc committee that would help facilitate the EMS Council meetings.

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Carmona to nominate Terry Shine for the vacancy number five (one additional EMS Council member) on the EMS Council Executive Committee.

Bob Ramsey was recommended for the vacant position. He declined the nomination and gave his support to Terry Shine.

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Ed Neville to close nominations. The committee voted to accept Terry Shine for the vacant position (number 5) on the EMS Council Executive Committee. Vote was unanimous.

The Bylaws state the committee members need a 10 day notice prior to a meeting.

- B. EMT-I Transition Course** – Discussion ensued regarding the cost of courses. Potentially there is 1201 money leftover or possibly from other grants.

A motion was made by Mark Venuti, seconded by Dr. Vavrick to approve the EMT-I Transition Course. Motion carried.

- C. **Revised ALS Refresher Course –**
A motion was made by Mark Venuti, seconded by Charlie Smith to approve the ALS Refresher Course. Motion carried.

The clinical hours are determined by the individual training entity.

- D. **Meeting Schedule 2002 –** Rules Committee will meet on an ad hoc basis.
A motion was made by Dr. Sucher, seconded by Dave Samuels to approve the 2002 meeting schedule with the change of deleting the dates for the Rules Committee.
Motion Carried.

PMD could possibly decide to change their meetings to Friday afternoons.

IX. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- A. **Member Reports –** None reported
B. **Departmental and Bureau Reports**
1) **Draft legislation allowing EMT-Basics to carry and administer epinephrine**
Proposed that discussion ensue at Medical Direction Commission this afternoon.

It was questioned whether the Department is going to take a position and inform the legislature what Medical Direction Commission actions have been taken to this point. Up to this point the department has not taken a position.

2) **Department Report –** The department is not preparing any legislation regarding EMS at this point.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Education Committee –** Agenda items for the next Education Committee meeting: Current/New Paramedic Curriculum and its impact on Hazmat medics in the State of Arizona, Curriculum for EMT Basics to carry ASA, Curriculum for AED for children.
B. **Rules Committee –** The committee will be prioritizing packages at the next meeting. The Ambulance Rules Independent Work Group will be meeting November 30, 2001 from 10 to 4.
C. **Budget Committee -** The Budget Committee did not meet since the last EMS Council meeting.
D. **Executive Committee –** The Executive Committee has yet to meet.

XI. REGIONAL REPORTS

- A. **Central -** A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. The 2nd Annual EMS Odyssey Conference will be held June 13 and 14, 2002. The location will be announced.
B. **Southern -** A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. University Medical Center is also going out of the level 1 trauma business as of December 31, 2001 if funding is not found. The city of Tucson, Pima County and the legislature are attempting to come up with money to keep the trauma centers going. On December 30th and 31st they will be having a Weapons of Mass Destruction seminar.
C. **Western -** A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2001 in Yuma.

- D. Northern-** A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. The next meeting will be held November 9, 2001

XII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Stephen Powles presented information and instruction on the Arizona Department of Public Safety website specifically addressing the EMSCOM system.

Kevin Keeley encouraged the committee to change agenda procedures and format. He feels people in the EMS field who do not have seats on the EMS Council will not have input into the EMS Council activities under these procedures. The committee may need questions on open meetings laws answered by the Attorney General's Office during a presentation.

XIII. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Stroh has been part of the Traumatic Brain Injury Symposium, they are in the process of developing flyers that EMS personnel can hand out to parents of brain injured children. Mark Stroh has asked the Symposium to get in contact with Dr. Gemar so EMS Council can have their input on the flyers.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for January 25, 2002.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Approved by: EMS Council on 1/25/02